

Statement of  
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On behalf of  
Families of Flight 93, Inc.

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Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure  
Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency  
Management

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Mr. Chairman:

Please allow me to introduce myself to you. My name is Ken Nacke, and I am currently a Police Officer with the Baltimore County Police Department, in the Great State of Maryland. My brother, Louis Joseph Nacke II, was aboard and was one of the HEROS of United Flight 93 on that fateful day of September 11, 2001. The extraordinary act of those 40 individuals united a nation, and showed what true patriotism is all about. They thwarted a planned attack on our nation's capital, thereby saving the lives of countless others, and truly winning the first battle in the war on terrorism. The actions of the passengers and crew have not gone unnoticed by the citizens of this great Nation. I feel that placing a memorial honoring the HEROES of Flight 93 inside the Capitol Building will ensure that our loved ones are cherished, honored and remembered for generations to come. My whole family and I support this endeavor. I truly believe that our country is in a better place because of the actions of the passengers and crew of Flight 93. I for one know that I'm a better person.

One of the bizarre ironies is that Hamilton Peterson, who just testified before you and I share a unique past. Almost 20 years ago both Hamilton and I, as then fellow Metropolitan Police Officers, patrolled this very area of the city. How strange that our family members would sacrifice their lives decades later to protect our Nation's Capitol.

In closing I consider it a great honor that you, Ladies and Gentlemen, are placing a memorial in honor of my brother "Joey" and the other HEROES of Flight 93. I would also like to be invited when the memorial is placed in the hallowed halls of the Capitol Building.

Thank you for your energies in this regard,

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